

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system for on-line creation of printable product, the system comprising:

at least one server accessible via a computer network, said at least one server storing defining data defining a plurality of printable products including one or more design elements, and a first plug-in program providing modification functions within a web browser program for modifying defining data which is downloaded from the at least one server by the web browser program, and assembly functions for assembling a printable product suitable for printing;

a client computer for accessing said server, wherein said at least one server downloads said first plug-in program and said defining data to said client computer; and

a printer operatively coupled with said client computer, wherein said first plug-in program assembles printing data for printing the printable product on the printer;

wherein said client computer includes a web browser program for accessing said web server, and wherein said first plug-in program enables the modification functions within said web browser program;

wherein said first plug-in program controls the downloading to the client computer of the defining data that defines a selected printable product, said defining data defining at least one of: graphical elements, text elements, and formatting data associated with the graphical and text elements;

wherein said assembly of printing data by said first plug-in program includes at least one of: resizing, scaling, division into panels that anticipate printing in a desired printing format;

and wherein said modification functions of said first plug-in program includes modification of at least one of the design elements selected from the group of: font, color, alignment, position within a panel, adding a design element, and deleting a design element.

2. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of printable products includes at least one of: announcements, banners, business cards, calendars, greeting cards, certificates, craft cards, envelopes, gift tags, invitations, labels, message cards, origami, postcards, posters, stationery and stickers.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein said defining data defines at least one of: graphical elements, text elements, and formatting data associated with the graphical and text elements.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein said assembly of printing data includes at least one of: resizing, scaling, division into panels that anticipate printing in a desired printing format.
9. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, wherein said modification function of said first plug-in program include modification to at least one of: font, color, alignment, position within a panel, adding a design element, and deleting a design element.

10. (Previously Presented) A plug-in program having computer readable program code means embodied therein for creating, modifying and printing of a printable product, the computer readable program code means comprising:

means for downloading data defining the printable product;

means for modifying a browser program on a personal computer of a user to allow the user to edit the data defining a printable product within the browser program;

modification means for modifying the defining data; and

print formatting means for formatting the defining data for printing.

11. (Original) A computer readable program code means according to claim 10, wherein said modification means includes means for manipulating one or more design elements.

12. (Original) A computer readable program code means according to claim 11, wherein said design elements includes at least one of: text, graphics, audio and video.

13. (Original) A computer readable program code means according to claim 10, wherein said print formatting means performs at least one of the following functions: resizing, scaling, and division onto panels associated with a fold format.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for generating a printable product using an online system accessible via a computer network, the method comprising:

storing on a server accessible via the computer network, defining data plurality of printable products including one or more design elements;

storing on the server a first plug-in program to enhance the functionality of a web browser program by providing a web browser with modification functions for modifying the defining data and assembly functions for assembling a printable product suitable for printing, wherein the assembly and modification functions occur within the web browser program on a client computer; wherein said first plug-in program controls the downloading to the client computer of the defining data of a selected printable product, and wherein said defining data

defines at least one of the design elements selected from the group of: graphical elements, text elements, and formatting data associated with the graphical and text elements;

downloading the ~~first~~ plug-in program to the client computer accessing the server through the web browser program, to provide for the user modification and printing of a printable product at the client computer via the web browser, using the ~~first~~ plug-in program in connection with the web browser to assemble printing data for printing the printable product on the printer, wherein said step of assembling printing data includes at least one of the steps of: resizing, scaling, division into panels that anticipate printing in a desired printing format; and wherein said modification function of said plug-in program further includes the step of modification to at least one of: font, color, alignment, position within a panel, adding a design element, and deleting a design element, and

printing the printable product on a printer operatively coupled to the client computer.

15-22 (Cancelled).

23. (Previously Presented) A system for enabling a user to create and print a social expression product over a computer network, comprising:

a web server;

a personal computer of the user having means for communicating with the web server over the computer network;

a web browser located on the personal computer of the user;

a database containing data defining a plurality of printable products including one or more design elements;

a plug-in program stored on the web server and downloaded to the web browser loaded on the personal computer of the user, the plug-in program providing the user with means for retrieving defining data, means for modifying the retrieved defining data and means for assembling a social expression product on the personal computer of the user; and

a printer operatively coupled to the personal computer of the user, wherein the user is able to print social expression product at the personal computer of the user.

24. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 23, wherein said storage device is one of a group consisting of: a remote storage device, a web server, a personal computer, and a storage medium.

25. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 23, wherein said plug-in program further provides the user with means for adding design elements from an external source, said added design elements created by the user.

26. (Previously Presented) A computer readable program code means according to claim 10, wherein said data defining a printable product is stored on one of a group consisting of a remote storage device, a personal computer, and a portable storage medium.

27. (Previously Presented) A computer system for selecting, modifying and printing customized greeting cards comprising:

one or more databases containing multiple greeting cards identified and selectable by contents, genre and attributes, the one or more databases further including selectable assets for each greeting card including graphic and textual designs for front panels, inside panels and back panels of greeting cards, and selectable text elements including font, point size, color, and alignment and print parameters;

a personal computer programmed with an Internet web browser and operatively connected to a web server whereon the one or more databases reside in the form of URL-identifiable pages for transmission to the personal computer via hypertext transport protocol and display formatted according to hypertext mark-up language including one or more embedded formatting commands at least one of which is a plug-in program;

the plug-in program being downloadable to the Internet web browser of the personal computer which is operative to detect and launch the plug-in program by a file extension, the plug-in program including an engine and assembly component for selection, display editing and printing assembly for all panels of a greeting card and printing assembly including scaling and resizing and division into greeting card panels for printing according to a

selected greeting card fold format, the plug-in program operative to select, display and edit greeting card text elements including a record identifier, a greeting card category, text element font and point size, text element position on a panel, text element alignment and text string, and addition or deletion of text elements.